

SENATE BILL 705

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 50, relative to memoranda of understanding between local governments and local government employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, is amended by adding the following as a new part thereto:

If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of any governmental subdivision, district, authority, public corporation, quasi-public corporation, public agency, public service corporation, town, city, county, metropolitan form of government, or municipal corporation, whether incorporated or not and whether chartered or not, that employs public employees, such entity may enter into memoranda of understanding with representatives of employees or employee organizations who represent such employees as their sole and exclusive representative. A memorandum of understanding entered into between a quasi-governmental or governmental entity and its employees pursuant to this part is enforceable if the memorandum contains a "no strike" clause. Nothing in this part shall be construed as authorizing any governmental entity or quasi-governmental entity to grant the right to strike to any employee or group of employees, or an employees' organization.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.